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FOR USDEL ESCAP

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRINCIPAL US STATEMENT PREPARED FOR
DELIVERY BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG. IF HE IS UNABLE TO APPEAR,
TEXT SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO ESCAP PLENARY BY AMBASSADOR
WELLS IN HIS NAME. APPROPRIATE COMPLEMENTARY OPENING
SHOULD BE ADDED BY USDEL. FOR USUN: IF ANY FURTHER
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BANGKOK, INFO DEPARTMENT. BEGIN TEXT:

1. SOME COSMOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS HAVE LONG AGO
SUGGESTED THAT THE EARTH MAY HAVE SLOWLY INCREASED IN SIZE
AS MILLIONS OF YEARS WENT BY. AS A RESULT, THE FORCE OF
GRAVITY WEAKENED, AND THE ATTRACTION OF THE DIFFERENT
PARTS OF THE EARTH FOR EACH OTHER LESSENED. I WILL NOT
QUARREL WITH THE ACCURACY OF THE PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS
INVOLVED. MY OWN EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, SINCE I BECAME
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FORCES ME TO REVEAL

THAT -- SUCH RESEARCH NOTWITHSTANDING -- I FIND MYSELF SQUARELY AND HAPPILY AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ARGUMENT WITH A CONTRARY SET OF DISCOVERIES. MY TRAVELS IN AFRICA,

LATIN AMERICA, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, MY MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF A HOST OF COUNTRIES, MY TALKS WITH PEOPLE IN REMOTE VILLAGES AND BUSY METROPOLES HAVE GIVEN ME THE INDELIBLE IMPRESSION AND CONVICTION THAT FAR-AWAY PLACES AND PEOPLES ARE NOT DRIFTING APART BUT COMING CLOSER TO ONE ANOTHER. NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND HAVE PEOPLE BEEN SO DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, TO SEARCH FOR IDEAS THAT BIND THEM TOGETHER.

2. IN TRADITIONAL DIPLOMACY THERE IS A TENDENCY TO SEE THE ORIGINS OF TIES BETWEEN NATIONS IN TERMS OF FEAR -- FEAR OF CHANGE OR OF THE ABSENCE OF CHANGE. CERTAINLY, THESE FEARS HAVE BEEN AND REMAIN REAL. NO CONTINENT HAS ESCAPED THE FURIES OF WAR AND OF ECONOMIC AND IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT IN THIS CENTURY. INDEED, IT MAY BE THAT NO PART OF THE WORLD HAS BORNE MORE TRAGIC WITNESS THAN ASIA TO THE DEVASTATION OF MODERN MAN'S TECHNOLOGY AND INTOLERANCE OF OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

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3. TODAY, HOWEVER, THE TRADITIONAL DIPLOMACY OF FEAR NO LONGER REPRESENTS THE WHOLE TRUTH OR EVEN THE ESSENTIAL TRUTH OF THE NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. RATHER, I SUGGEST THAT WHAT BRINGS US TOGETHER HERE, AS IN OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IS ABOVE ALL OUR HOPES AND POSITIVE ASPIRATIONS.

4. TODAY THE ASIAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE ARE AT PEACE. THE ROLE OF THE FOUR GREAT PACIFIC POWERS -- THE UNITED STATES, THE USSR, CHINA, AND JAPAN -- HAS BEEN REDUCED AND CHANGED NOT BECAUSE OF THE FEAR OF MUTUAL VULNERABILITY BUT BECAUSE OF RECOGNITION OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THEIR VITAL INTERESTS WITH THOSE OF ALL NATIONS IN THIS REGION. TODAY IT IS THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN ADVANCING THE PEACE AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES. IT IS THEIR DYNAMISM, THEIR DETERMINATION, THEIR CREATIVE ENERGIES AND RESOURCES THAT SHAPE THE WORLD OF THEIR TOMORROW.

5. WE HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS CHANGE BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT CEASED TO BE -- BY OUR GEOGRAPHY, OUR HISTORY, OUR SECURITY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS -- A MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC FAMILY OF NATIONS. CONTINENTS DO NOT DRIFT SO FAR APART IN A GENERATION OR TWO FOR THIS FACT TO CHANGE. GEOGRAPHY DOES NOT CHANGE BUT THE

PERCEPTION OF OUR OWN ROLE HAS CHANGED WITH THE DIFFERENT
VALUES WE ASSIGN TO THE MODES AND MANIFESTATION OF OUR

PRESENCE. TODAY, THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD OF THE
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IT IS PLAYING IN THE THROBBING ECONOMY
AND PEACEFUL LIFE OF THIS REGION. OUR ECONOMIC LINKS TO
THE REGION ARE STRONG. WE CONDUCT ROUGHLY ONE-QUARTER OF
OUR FOREIGN TRADE WITH EAST ASIA; EVERY YEAR A FIFTH OF
OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS GO THERE, AND IN TURN WE RECEIVE
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ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS AND INCREASINGLY MANUFACTURED
GOODS.

6. WE HAVE OLD AND CLOSE FRIENDS WHO COUNT MORE UPON OUR
CONTINUED LOYALTY AND IN WHOSE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING
WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT STAKE. WE HAVE FORMER ADVERSARIES
WITH WHOM WE HAVE EMBARKED ON NEW ADVENTURES OF PEACE
AND COOPERATION. MOST OF ALL, WE HAVE WITH THIS REGION
A STRONG DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER STATES IN THE
SEARCH FOR MEANS OF TURNING COMMON HOPES INTO REALITY.

7. THERE IS NO NEED HERE FOR A LENGTHY CATALOGUE OF
MY COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC TIES WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES OR
GROUPS OF THE REGION. RELATIVE TO JAPAN, IT IS CLEAR
THAT A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO GIANT ECONO-
MIES IS INDISPENSABLE TO GLOBAL RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING.
THE NEGOTIATIONS RECENTLY COMPLETED IN TOKYO WERE AN
IMPORTANT STEP IN PRESERVING THAT RELATIONSHIP.

8. LOOKING TO THE SOUTH, WE ARE GIVING A NEW DIMENSION
TO OUR RELATIONS WITH AN IMPORTANT GROUP OF COUNTRIES
BY OPENING A DIALOGUE WITH THEIR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION,
ASEAN -- THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. WE
ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING THEIR PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE VITAL AREAS
OF FOOD SUPPLY, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND POPULATION
PLANNING. WE ARE PLEASED THAT ESCAP AS A WHOLE IS
FOCUSING ITS ATTENTION ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUB-REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS THOSE BEING MET BY ASEAN.

9. WE ARE ALSO HEARTENED BY THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO
INDEPENDENCE BEING MADE BY THE ISLAND STATES OF THE
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. WE SUPPORT THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR
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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR PEOPLE. ON
THIS MATTER, AS ON SO MANY OTHERS OVER THE YEARS, WE ARE

WORKING CLOSELY WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

10. IN SOUTH ASIA, AS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WE ARE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN ASSISTING PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT VISIT TO INDIA REAFFIRMED NOT ONLY THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT ALSO SYMBOLIZED OUR COMMON

COMMITMENT TO MOVE ALONG -- IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S WORDS -- "THE PATH OF DEMOCRACY TOWARD A COMMON GOAL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT." INDIA, JIMMY CARTER REMINDED US, IS THE PROOF THAT DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY ARE NOT ANTITHETICAL. INDIA HAS DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL POWER. AT THE SAME TIME LIFE EXPECTANCY OF HER PEOPLE HAS INCREASED BY TWENTY YEARS SINCE INDEPENDENCE. THE THREAT OF MAJOR EPIDEMICS HAS RECEDED, AND THE LITERACY RATE HAS DOUBLED.

11. PAKISTAN, WHICH HAS HAD MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF NATURAL PROBLEMS AND POLITICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO MAKE, APPEARS WELL ON ITS WAY TO OVERCOMING BOTH SETS OF PROBLEMS AND IS EMBARKED ON AN ACCELERATING TREND OF BOTH GREATER POLITICAL FREEDOM AND ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CONTINENT, BANGLADESH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THE QUALITY OF ITS ADMINISTRATION AND THE HEALTH OF ITS ECONOMY. MY GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS LONG-STANDING COLLABORATION WITH BOTH COUNTRIES BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

12. THESE VITAL SIGNS I HAVE JUST LISTED FROM THIS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION ARE MAGNETS OF OUR RENEWED COMMITMENT. I DO NOT OFFER THIS AS GRATUITOUS COMMENT OR AS A WAY TO IGNORE THE VERY SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING ALL THE NATIONS OF THE REGION -- THE PROBLEMS OF TRADE BARRIERS AND PRICE FLUCTUATIONS, LACK OF INVESTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAPITAL AND, MOST OF ALL, THE TASK OF ENSURING ADEQUATE FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, AND EMPLOYMENT TO ALL PEOPLE. STILL, THESE VITAL SIGNS REVEAL THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THE ASIA OF TODAY -- THE RESURGENCE OF HUMAN VALUES AND CREATIVITY WHICH CHARACTERIZED ASIA AT ITS HIGHEST MOMENTS, AT THE PINNACLE OF WORLD CIVILIZATION. THESE QUALITIES ARE PARTICULARLY EXEMPLIFIED IN THE REMARKABLE BREADTH OF EXPERIMENTS IN DEVELOPMENT THAT OCCUR IN SO MANY PARTS OF THE REGION. IT IS HERE, IN ASIA, THAT WE FIND SOME OF THE PREMIER EXAMPLES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE DEMONSTRATING THAT THE BENEFITS OF GROWTH CAN BE WIDELY SHARED WITHOUT SACRIFICE TO RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE IMPORTANCE OF ESCAP DERIVES FROM THE VITALITY OF ITS MEMBERSHIP.

13. ESCAP SERVES TO BRING THEIR DIVERSE EXPERIENCES TOGETHER. IT PROVIDES A MEANS THROUGH WHICH WE CAN LEARN A GREAT DEAL FROM EACH OTHER. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE VITALITY OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ESCAP THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER HAS COME TO PLACE GREAT WEIGHT ON REGIONAL COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ESCAP IS A SYMBOL OF OUR NEED FOR EACH OTHER TO INTEGRATE

OUR DIVERSE VIEWS AND VISIONS AND TO FORGE A NEW SYNTHESIS FROM OUR PARTICULARISTIC IMPULSES AND INTERESTS TO BENEFIT THE COMMON GOOD.

14. THE COMMISSION HAS PROGRESSED FAR UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS. IT HAS UNDERGONE A PERIOD OF REFORM WHICH HAS SEEN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEAR PRIORITIES FOR THE WORK PROGRAM AND MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE SECRETARIAT, KEEPING IN MIND BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS. PROGRAMS HAVE BECOME MORE FOCUSED TO THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF THE REGION.

15. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES, THE MANY CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS WHICH BRING TOGETHER EXPERTS AND ADMINISTRATORS AND IN WHICH THE WHOLE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED ARE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS. THE TECHNICAL STUDIES AND ADVISORY SERVICES OF ESCAP HAVE HELPED THE REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM IRAN TO THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC. ESCAP HAS FOSTERED SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF GREAT MERIT. TO PROMOTE ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, ESCAP HAS ESTABLISHED THE COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION OF JOINT PROSPECTING FOR MINERAL RESOURCES IN ASIAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC OFFSHORE AREAS. ESCAP HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED THE ASIA AND PACIFIC CENTER FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT. I AM PLEASED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO MAKE SOME SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THESE ENDEAVORS.

16. RELATIVE TO THE FIRST, A U.S.-FINANCED REGIONAL REMOTE SENSING CENTER IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN BANGKOK, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ESCAP'S UTILIZATION OF THE CENTER WHEN IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL.

17. RELATIVE TO THE SECOND, AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE U.S. CONTRIBUTED FUNDS FOR THE CENTER AND FOR WOMEN'S PROGRAMS LAST YEAR, AND RECENTLY WE PLEDGED AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 FOR THESE PROGRAMS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND URGE ESCAP TO CONTINUE FURTHERING THIS CAUSE.

18. IN THE FUTURE WE HOPE TO INCREASE OUR PARTICIPATION

IN THE ACTIVITIES OF ESCAP, AND WE WILL REVIEW UPON MY RETURN FROM THIS MEETING IN WHAT WAYS WE CAN LEND FURTHER SUPPORT TO SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMISSION.

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19. I HOPE THAT THE PRESENT SESSION OF ESCAP WILL GIVE US FURTHER GUIDANCE ON OUR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WITH

A NUMBER OF ESCAP MEMBERS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TIMELY, SINCE THE UNITED STATES DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE 89 PER CENT MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO, TOTALING 470 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE ESCAP AREA.

20. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE FOOD AID PLANNED FOR DELIVERY TO EIGHT ESCAP LDC'S IN FISCAL YEAR 1979. WE HOPE IN THE FUTURE TO PROVIDE SOME OF THIS FOOD AID IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY NEED NOT PAY IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND, FURTHER, THAT THE PROCEEDS CAN REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

21. TWO NEW INITIATIVES OF OUR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DESERVE SPECIAL MENTION. THE FIRST IS A NEW ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC CHanneled THROUGH PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH I HAVE ALREADY ALLUDED INVOLVING A COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE A REGIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ASEAN, SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WE HAVE WITH THREE OF THE ASEAN NATIONS. WE HOPE TO BE MEETING SHORTLY WITH ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

22. MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE PRESENT SESSION IS TO DISCUSS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE 1980'S. WHILE I DO NOT WISH TO INITIATE FULLSCALE DEBATE ON THIS ITEM HERE, THIS ITEM DOES SUGGEST SOME GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THESE OBSERVATIONS ARE TENTATIVE -- I SEE THEM AS "FOOD FOR THOUGHT," IN ESCAP, AND IN THE
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CAPITALS OF ALL ITS MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING MY OWN.

23. IT HAS BECOME MY STRONG PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE SOME SERIOUS THINKING TO DO ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND THE NATURE AND PURPOSES OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE "NEW

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" WAS DESIGNATED IN 1974 IN THE TITLE OF TWO CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, AND, IN THIS FORM, CONTINUES TO EVOKE EXPRESSIONS OF RESERVATION FROM MY COUNTRY AND OTHERS. BEYOND THESE DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, THE PHRASE HAS COME TO REPRESENT A FAR MORE IMPORTANT REALITY: THE WORLD IS INDEED NO LONGER WHAT IT WAS AT THE TIME OF BRETTON WOODS, AND SOME OF THE STRUCTURES, AND INDEED THE HABITS OF THINKING DERIVED FROM THAT PERIOD ARE INADEQUATE TO TODAY'S PROBLEMS. HENCE, A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS NOT ONLY NECESSARY BUT INEVITABLE. INDEED, IN SOME WAYS, IT IS EMERGING ALREADY. THE PROBLEM AND THE CHALLENGE

CONFRONTING US, IS TO SEE THAT THIS NEW GLOBAL SYSTEM EMERGES IN A WAY TO PROVIDE THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS. THIS NEW ORDER IS AS NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONS OF THE "NORTH" -- BOTH ITS EASTERN AND WESTERN QUADRANTS, AS IT IS FOR THE NATIONS OF THE SOUTH. IT THEREFORE GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IT CAN ONLY EVOLVE THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES -- THROUGH THEIR PEOPLES, THEIR LEGISLATURES AND THROUGH THE INTELLECTUAL POWER AND EXPERIENCE THEY CAN ALL BRING TO THE COMMON GOAL.

24. FOR US IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN PERCEPTION IS INVOLVED. WE CAN NO LONGER SEE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS PERIPHERAL TO A SO-CALLED ECONOMIC "REAL WORLD" MADE UP EXCLUSIVELY OF TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. OUR APPROACH TO THESE COUNTRIES CAN NO LONGER BE ONE SOLELY BASED ON "FOREIGN AID". TRADE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT ARE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT. NOR CAN IT DERIVE FROM A VIEW OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MERELY AS SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS AND MARKETS FOR OUR MANUFACTURED GOODS. THIS LAST ATTITUDE IS PARTICULARLY INCONGRUOUS IN THE FACE OF THE TRADE PATTERNS WHICH PREVAIL BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND A GOOD NUMBER OF THOSE REPRESENTED HERE - WHOSE CAPACITY TO COMPETE IN INDUSTRIAL MARKETS NEEDS NO TESTIMONY.

25. FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, I SUGGEST, THE FULL MEANING OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER LIKEWISE MEANS A NEW APPROACH, WHICH IS ALREADY EMERGING. FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE LAST YEAR, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DO NOT SEE THE NEW ORDER IN THE CONTEXT OF A ZERO SUM GAME, OR EVEN OF AN ADVERSARY PROCEDURE STILL IMPLIED IN THE TERM NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. THE FINAL STEP IS RECOGNITION THAT A NEW SYSTEM CANNOT EMERGE EXCLUSIVELY FROM ON HIGH, EVEN THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS,

BUT MUST HAVE ITS ROOTS BELOW, IN THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

26. DEVELOPMENT ENCOMPASSES A PROCESS IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE THE CREATORS, ORIGINATORS AND PROTAGONISTS OF CHANGE, NOT MERELY RECIPIENTS, CLIENTS AND OBJECTS OF DEVELOPMENT. PEOPLE DO NOT NEED PATERNALISTIC REDEMPTION, HOWEVER WELL INTENTIONED, HOWEVER NOBLE. THE NEW STRUCTURES WE ERECT MUST REFLECT THE IDEAS AND THE HANDYWORK OF THE MOST HUMBLE AS WELL AS THE EXPERTS.

27. TRUE DEVELOPMENT BEGINS WHEN HITHERTO UNKNOWN

APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS EMERGE, WHEN NEW ACTIONS COME INTO PLAY AND WHEN NEW RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THEIR ENVIRONMENT APPEAR. AFTER ALL, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE IS AN EXERCISE IN SELF-RELIANCE, A PROCESS WHEREIN PEOPLE DEFINE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, PROPOSE THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS AND RELY ON THEIR OWN CREATIVITY AND ENERGY TO RESOLVE THEM. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS THAT IGNORE THE WELL-SPRINGS OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION OF THE PEOPLE TO WHOM ULTIMATELY THE APPROACHES ARE DIRECTED, WILL LEAD TO A GLOBAL DOLE AT BEST -- AT WORST IT WILL BRING FORTH AND REINFORCE REGIMENTATION AND REPRESSION.

28. THIS IS HOW, IT SEEMS TO ME, A NEW STRUCUTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY MUST EMERGE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT CANNOT BE A LEISURELY PROCESS. THE IMBALANCES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY TODAY -- WHICH HAVE PRODUCED DEBT BURDENS, INFLATION, SEVERE TRADE AND PAYMENT IMBALANCES, AND MOST OF ALL, UNEMPLOYMENT AND A DECLINE OF THE HUMAN CONDITION -- DEMAND URGENT ATTENTION.THE STRENGTHENING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ECONOMIES IS, IN MY VIEW, A CRITICAL PART OF A NEW WORLD EQUILIBRIUM, AND WE CANNOT LOSE TIME IN ACHIEVING IT.

29. I DO NOT PRESUME TODAY TO GIVE A DEFINITION OF THE NEW ORDER OR ITS BASIC ELEMENTS. THESE MUST EVOLVE THROUGH CONCENTRATED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BRAIN-STORMING. BUT THERE ARE SOME KEY ELEMENTS WHICH WE CAN CONSIDER.

30. ONE IS TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. I SUGGEST THIS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS A FORM OF AUTOMATIC REVERSE DISCRIMINATION, WHERE EXPERTISE OR EQUIPMENT ARE CHOSEN MORE ON THE BASIS OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN THAN OF USEFULLNESS. RATHER, SUCH COOPERATION SHOULD BE BASED ON A CONCRETE ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES' DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES AND GOALS, FOLLOWED BY COLLECTIVE DECISIONS ON HOW TO PROMOTE THESE

THROUGH COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY ON THE REGIONAL AND
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SUB-REGIONAL LEVELS. FOR EXAMPLE, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
SEEK TO INDUSTRIALIZE, HELP MEET GOALS THEY HAVE SET
FOR THEMSELVES IN THE LIMA DECLARATION. BUT WHAT DOES
THIS PROCESS IMPLY FOR EACH COUNTRY? WHAT ARE THE
PRODUCTS NEW INDUSTRIES ARE TO PRODUCE -- WHO IS TO BUY
THEM? THESE QUESTIONS CANNOT BE ANSWERED WITHOUT INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY AMONG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

31. COOPERATION IS ALSO NECESSARY SO THAT EACH DEVELOPING
COUNTRY CAN MAKE THE BEST CHOICES AS TO TECHNOLOGIES TO
DEVELOP AND APPLY. THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY IS AN EXCELLENT
EXAMPLE OF THIS FORM OF COOPERATION. COLLECTIVE SELF-
RELIANCE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS AN INDISPENSABLE
PART OF THE NEW ORDER WE ARE SEEKING -- BUT LIKE THE
GLOBAL SYSTEM ITSELF, IT REQUIRES NEW AND ORIGINAL
APPROACHES, IDEAS NO ONE HAS YET THOUGHT OF.

32. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF A NEW WORLD ORDER IS THE
CONCEPT OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. IT MIGHT BE BEST TO START
A DISCUSSION OF THIS THEME BY MAKING CLEAR WHAT THE
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CONCEPT IS NOT. FIRST, IT IS NOT A
PRESCRIPTION FOR INTERVENTION. GOVERNMENTS OF ALL
COUNTRIES -- DEVELOPING OR REBUILDING -- MUST DECIDE FOR
THEMSELVES HOW TO USE SCARCE RESOURCES.

33. THESE CHOICES MUST BE MADE SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN TWO
EXTREMES. ONE WOULD BE GROWTH THROUGH CONSUMPTION
ALONE -- A FORMULA FOR EXTERNAL DEPENDENCY AND EVENTUAL
STAGNATION. THE OTHER WOULD BE THE ARTIFICIAL MAINTENANCE
OF A DUAL SOCIETY, WHERE THE IMPOVERISHED MASSES ARE
KEPT TRANQUILIZED BY SUBSIDIES AND WELFARE PROGRAMS WHICH
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GUARANTEE SURVIVAL BUT ONLY ON THE MARGIN OF SOCIETY.
THIS IS A FORMULA FOR UPHEAVAL AND VIOLENCE. WHILE MANY
OF THESE MAY BE CONSTRUED AS "MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS,"
EACH IS ALSO CLEARLY UNSATISFACTORY.

34. THE REAL CRITERIA FOR EQUITABLE GROWTH CAN ONLY BE
SET BY THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. BASIC HUMAN NEEDS SHOULD
NOT REFLECT THE BIAS OF THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE
NEEDS OF OTHERS BUT SHOULD EXPRESS THE FEELINGS AND
RATIONALITY OF THOSE WHOSE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS ARE

CONCERNED. TO ME IT IS PART AND PARCEL OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE POOR, TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEFINE THEIR OWN SITUATION UNENCUMBERED BY IMPOSED STANDARDS THAT MAY FIT THE LOGIC OF THE EXPERTS BUT NOT THE PECULIARITIES OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. HOW CAN WE BEGIN TO HELP PEOPLE TO BECOME MORE HUMAN BY NEGATING AT THE OUTSET THEIR HUMAN RIGHT TO SELF-PERCEPTION? THERE IS ALSO A COMMON-SENSE INJUNCTION, FOR ONLY PEOPLE'S OWN ASPIRATIONS, THEIR INDIGENOUS VALUES, CAN GIVE CONCRETE MEANING TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND TO SELF-RELIANT APPROACHES TO SATISFY THEM.

35. TO SOME OF US THIS INJUNCTION MAY BE A DISCOVERY, TO MOST OF YOU, AN EXISTENTIAL PRINCIPLE, AS THE SARVODAYA

(PRONOUNCED SARVODIA) MOVEMENT OF SRI LANKA SO EFFECTIVELY SYMBOLIZES IT. THE SANSKRIT TERM SARVODAYA IMPLIES CALLING FOR THE REAWAKENING OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL VALUES TO GIVE MEANING NOT ONLY IN THE SPIRITUAL BUT IN THE MATERIAL WORLD AS WELL. THIS MOVEMENT IN SRI LANKA THAT REVITALIZED AND APPLIED BUDDHIST VALUES TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVES TO ME THAT THE HUMAN RIGHT TO DEFINE ONE'S OWN NEEDS IS NOT ONLY DESIREABLE BUT PRACTICAL.

36. FURTHER, BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGIES ARE NOT SIMPLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DELIVERY SYSTEMS OF GOODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WANTS. THEY ALSO AIM AT THE CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITIES AMONG THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNDER-EMPLOYED. PRESIDENT CARTER POINTED OUT "THE CHANCE TO EARN A DECENT LIVING IS ALSO A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT WHICH WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT IGNORE". AGAIN, IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF RIGHTS BUT AN ARGUMENT OF ECONOMICS: NO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGY CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN THE LONG RUN THAT OVERLOOKS THE PEOPLE'S OWN POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES OR IF IT FAILS TO DRAW ON THEIR OWN MATERIAL AND CREATIVE RESOURCES. SELF-RELIANCE, THE IMPORTANCE OF FULLY USING EACH PERSON'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION-BUILDING PROCESS, HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT LESSONS OF TWO DECADES OF DEVELOPMENT.

37. FINALLY, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGIES DO NOT EXHAUST THEMSELVES IN THE ARTFUL AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLY BUT CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQUATION AS WELL; WITH THE STRENGTHENING OF THE CAPACITY OF THE POOR TO FORMULATE EFFECTIVE DEMAND. WHETHER WE SPEAK OF ECONOMICS OR OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE PREMISES ARE INESCAPABLE AND SIMPLE: PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY, ILL-CLOTHED, ILL-HOUSED, AND ILLITERATE

BECAUSE THEY ARE POOR -- AND THEY ARE POOR -- BECAUSE
THEY ARE POWERLESS.

38. IN THIS SENSE, THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CONCEPT IS NOT AN
ECONOMIST'S TOOL BUT THE EXPRESSION OF THE RIGHT OF THE
POOR. FOREMOST, IT IS A RECOGNITION OF REALITY, A BELATED
ONE I MAY ADD, A CENTRAL CONCERN OF OUR TIMES. IT IS,
THEREFORE, ALSO A CORNERSTONE IN OUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT, THEREFORE,
GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IF WE SEEK JUSTICE AND EQUITY, WE
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CANNOT PROCEED TOWARD THOSE GOALS BY VIOLATING THEM
THROUGH DISCRIMINATION AMONG THE POOR ON ACCOUNT OF
NATIONALITY OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE. THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS
CONCEPT, THEREFORE, IS THE VERY OPPOSITE OF DISCRIMINATION

BETWEEN "RICH COUNTRIES" AND "POOR" ONES IN THE DEVELOPING
WORLD. THE APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I HAVE
OUTLINED IS A FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE CANNOT
EXIST IN AN ECONOMIC VACUUM. FOR, AS PRESIDENT CARTER
HAS SAID: "HUMAN NEEDS ARE INSEPARABLE FROM HUMAN RIGHTS
...WHILE CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES ARE GOOD IN
THEMSELVES, THEY ARE MUCH MORE USEFUL AND MUCH MORE
MEANINGFUL IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE TO WHOM PHYSICAL
SURVIVAL IS NOT A MATTER OF DAILY ANXIETY.

39. HENCE, AS WE SEE IT, HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BOTH
INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL. THE
KEY TO ALL OTHERS IS THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON. WITHOUT
THIS, OTHER RIGHTS DISSOLVE IN CONSTANT FEAR OF THEIR
ARBITRARY AND INSTANT REMOVAL. WE ARE THEREFORE OPPOSED
TO THE USE OF TORTURE, TO CRUEL INHUMAN OR DEGRADING
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, TO ARBITRARY ARREST OR
IMPRISONMENT, TO DENIAL OF FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL AND TO
INVASION OF THE HOME.

40. THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS WE SEEK TO PROMOTE HAVE BOTH
INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ASPECTS. FOOD AND SHELTER, JOBS,
HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION ARE PERCEIVED BY MEN AND WOMEN
INDIVIDUALLY, BUT THEY CANNOT BE ASSURED, OR ENJOYED IN
ISOLATION FROM SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

41. FINALLY, WE SUPPORT CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES;
FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, OF RELIGION, OF ASSEMBLY, SPEECH AND
OF THE PRESS; AND FREEDOM TO TAKE PART IN GOVERNMENT.
WE SUPPORT THEM NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY ARE VALUES CHERISHED
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BY THEMSELVES, BUT BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, THE NEW ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL ORDER WE SEEK WILL BE DEVOID OF HUMAN MEANING.
WE CANNOT AFFORD SECONDBEST.

42. MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE IS A RISK IN THESE REMARKS THAT
I AM PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED. THIS COMMISSION'S
APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IS INDEED ONE OF
INTEGRATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL EQUITY -- AND
ONE REASON FOR CHOOSING THE THEMES I HAVE CHOSEN WAS
PRECISELY TO INDICATE MY GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THE
DIRECTION THE COMMISSION HAS CHOSEN.

43. ANOTHER AND MORE IMPORTANT PURPOSE WAS TO CONTINUE
A "BRAIN STORMING" PROCESS WITH YOU. I HAVE NO
PRESCRIPTIONS TO OFFER, NO BLUEPRINTS. BUT I DO PLEDGE
MY BEST EFFORTS AND THOSE OF MY GOVERNMENT IN SEEKING NEW
MEANS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF A NEW WORLD SITUATION,

AND IN BUILDING A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL
MAY BENEFIT AND WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL STRONGLY
SUPPORT. END TEXT.

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FOR USDEL ESCAP

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRINCIPAL US STATEMENT PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG. IF HE IS UNABLE TO APPEAR, TEXT SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO ESCAP PLENARY BY AMBASSADOR WELLS IN HIS NAME. APPROPRIATE COMPLEMENTARY OPENING SHOULD BE ADDED BY USDEL. FOR USUN: IF ANY FURTHER CHANGES ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY, COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY TO BANGKOK, INFO DEPARTMENT. BEGIN TEXT:
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1. SOME COSMOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS HAVE LONG AGO SUGGESTED THAT THE EARTH MAY HAVE SLOWLY INCREASED IN SIZE AS MILLIONS OF YEARS WENT BY. AS A RESULT, THE FORCE OF GRAVITY WEAKENED, AND THE ATTRACTION OF THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE EARTH FOR EACH OTHER LESSENED. I WILL NOT QUARREL WITH THE ACCURACY OF THE PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS INVOLVED. MY OWN EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, SINCE I BECAME U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FORCES ME TO REVEAL THAT -- SUCH RESEARCH NOTWITHSTANDING -- I FIND MYSELF SQUARELY AND HAPPILY AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ARGUMENT WITH A CONTRARY SET OF DISCOVERIES. MY TRAVELS IN AFRICA,

LATIN AMERICA, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, MY MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF A HOST OF COUNTRIES, MY TALKS WITH PEOPLE IN REMOTE VILLAGES AND BUSY METROPOLES HAVE GIVEN ME THE INDELIBLE IMPRESSION AND CONVICTION THAT FAR-AWAY PLACES AND PEOPLES ARE NOT DRIFTING APART BUT COMING CLOSER TO ONE ANOTHER. NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND HAVE PEOPLE BEEN SO DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, TO SEARCH FOR IDEAS THAT BIND THEM TOGETHER.

2. IN TRADITIONAL DIPLOMACY THERE IS A TENDENCY TO SEE THE ORIGINS OF TIES BETWEEN NATIONS IN TERMS OF FEAR -- FEAR OF CHANGE OR OF THE ABSENCE OF CHANGE. CERTAINLY, THESE FEARS HAVE BEEN AND REMAIN REAL. NO CONTINENT HAS ESCAPED THE FURIES OF WAR AND OF ECONOMIC AND IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT IN THIS CENTURY. INDEED, IT MAY BE THAT NO PART OF THE WORLD HAS BORNE MORE TRAGIC WITNESS THAN ASIA TO THE DEVASTATION OF MODERN MAN'S TECHNOLOGY AND INTOLERANCE OF OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

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3. TODAY, HOWEVER, THE TRADITIONAL DIPLOMACY OF FEAR NO LONGER REPRESENTS THE WHOLE TRUTH OR EVEN THE ESSENTIAL TRUTH OF THE NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. RATHER, I SUGGEST THAT WHAT BRINGS US TOGETHER HERE, AS IN OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IS ABOVE ALL OUR HOPES AND POSITIVE ASPIRATIONS.

4. TODAY THE ASIAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE ARE AT PEACE. THE ROLE OF THE FOUR GREAT PACIFIC POWERS -- THE UNITED STATES, THE USSR, CHINA, AND JAPAN -- HAS BEEN REDUCED AND CHANGED NOT BECAUSE OF THE FEAR OF MUTUAL VULNERABILITY BUT BECAUSE OF RECOGNITION OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THEIR VITAL INTERESTS WITH THOSE OF ALL NATIONS IN THIS REGION. TODAY IT IS THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN ADVANCING THE PEACE AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES. IT IS THEIR DYNAMISM, THEIR DETERMINATION, THEIR CREATIVE ENERGIES AND RESOURCES THAT SHAPE THE WORLD OF THEIR TOMORROW.

5. WE HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS CHANGE BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT CEASED TO BE -- BY OUR GEOGRAPHY, OUR HISTORY, OUR SECURITY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS -- A MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC FAMILY OF NATIONS. CONTINENTS DO NOT DRIFT SO FAR APART IN A GENERATION OR TWO FOR THIS FACT TO CHANGE. GEOGRAPHY DOES NOT CHANGE BUT THE PERCEPTION OF OUR OWN ROLE HAS CHANGED WITH THE DIFFERENT VALUES WE ASSIGN TO THE MODES AND MANIFESTATION OF OUR

PRESENCE. TODAY, THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IT IS PLAYING IN THE THROBBING ECONOMY AND PEACEFUL LIFE OF THIS REGION. OUR ECONOMIC LINKS TO THE REGION ARE STRONG. WE CONDUCT ROUGHLY ONE-QUARTER OF OUR FOREIGN TRADE WITH EAST ASIA; EVERY YEAR A FIFTH OF OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS GO THERE, AND IN TURN WE RECEIVE ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS AND INCREASINGLY MANUFACTURED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOODS.

6. WE HAVE OLD AND CLOSE FRIENDS WHO COUNT MORE UPON OUR CONTINUED LOYALTY AND IN WHOSE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT STAKE. WE HAVE FORMER ADVERSARIES WITH WHOM WE HAVE EMBARKED ON NEW ADVENTURES OF PEACE AND COOPERATION. MOST OF ALL, WE HAVE WITH THIS REGION A STRONG DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER STATES IN THE SEARCH FOR MEANS OF TURNING COMMON HOPES INTO REALITY.

7. THERE IS NO NEED HERE FOR A LENGTHY CATALOGUE OF MY COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC TIES WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES OR

GROUPS OF THE REGION. RELATIVE TO JAPAN, IT IS CLEAR THAT A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO GIANT ECONOMIES IS INDISPENSABLE TO GLOBAL RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING. THE NEGOTIATIONS RECENTLY COMPLETED IN TOKYO WERE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN PRESERVING THAT RELATIONSHIP.

8. LOOKING TO THE SOUTH, WE ARE GIVING A NEW DIMENSION TO OUR RELATIONS WITH AN IMPORTANT GROUP OF COUNTRIES BY OPENING A DIALOGUE WITH THEIR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, ASEAN -- THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. WE ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING THEIR PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE VITAL AREAS OF FOOD SUPPLY, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND POPULATION PLANNING. WE ARE PLEASED THAT ESCAP AS A WHOLE IS FOCUSING ITS ATTENTION ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUB-REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS THOSE BEING MET BY ASEAN.

9. WE ARE ALSO HEARTENED BY THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE BEING MADE BY THE ISLAND STATES OF THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. WE SUPPORT THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR PEOPLE. ON
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THIS MATTER, AS ON SO MANY OTHERS OVER THE YEARS, WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

10. IN SOUTH ASIA, AS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WE ARE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN ASSISTING PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT VISIT TO INDIA REAFFIRMED NOT ONLY THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT ALSO SYMBOLIZED OUR COMMON

COMMITMENT TO MOVE ALONG -- IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S WORDS -- "THE PATH OF DEMOCRACY TOWARD A COMMON GOAL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT." INDIA, JIMMY CARTER REMINDED US, IS THE PROOF THAT DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY ARE NOT ANTITHETICAL. INDIA HAS DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL POWER. AT THE SAME TIME LIFE EXPECTANCY OF HER PEOPLE HAS INCREASED BY TWENTY YEARS SINCE INDEPENDENCE. THE THREAT OF MAJOR EPIDEMICS HAS RECEDED, AND THE LITERACY RATE HAS DOUBLED.

11. PAKISTAN, WHICH HAS HAD MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF NATURAL PROBLEMS AND POLITICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO MAKE, APPEARS WELL ON ITS WAY TO OVERCOMING BOTH SETS OF PROBLEMS AND IS EMBARKED ON AN ACCELERATING TREND OF BOTH GREATER POLITICAL FREEDOM AND ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CONTINENT, BANGLADESH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THE QUALITY OF ITS ADMINISTRATION AND THE HEALTH OF ITS ECONOMY. MY GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS LONG-STANDING COLLABORATION WITH BOTH COUNTRIES BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

12. THESE VITAL SIGNS I HAVE JUST LISTED FROM THIS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION ARE MAGNETS OF OUR RENEWED COMMITMENT. I DO NOT OFFER THIS AS GRATUITOUS COMMENT OR AS A WAY TO IGNORE THE VERY SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING ALL THE NATIONS OF THE REGION -- THE PROBLEMS OF TRADE BARRIERS AND PRICE FLUCTUATIONS, LACK OF INVESTMENT CAPITAL AND, MOST OF ALL, THE TASK OF ENSURING ADEQUATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, AND EMPLOYMENT TO ALL PEOPLE. STILL, THESE VITAL SIGNS REVEAL THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THE ASIA OF TODAY -- THE RESURGENCE OF HUMAN VALUES AND CREATIVITY WHICH CHARACTERIZED ASIA AT ITS HIGHEST MOMENTS, AT THE PINNACLE OF WORLD CIVILIZATION. THESE QUALITIES ARE PARTICULARLY EXEMPLIFIED IN THE REMARKABLE BREADTH OF EXPERIMENTS IN DEVELOPMENT THAT OCCUR IN SO MANY PARTS OF THE REGION. IT IS HERE, IN ASIA, THAT WE FIND SOME OF THE PREMIER EXAMPLES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE DEMONSTRATING THAT THE BENEFITS OF GROWTH CAN BE WIDELY SHARED WITHOUT SACRIFICE TO RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE IMPORTANCE OF ESCAP DERIVES FROM THE VITALITY OF ITS MEMBERSHIP.

13. ESCAP SERVES TO BRING THEIR DIVERSE EXPERIENCES TOGETHER. IT PROVIDES A MEANS THROUGH WHICH WE CAN LEARN A GREAT DEAL FROM EACH OTHER. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE VITALITY OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ESCAP THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER HAS COME TO PLACE GREAT WEIGHT ON REGIONAL COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ESCAP IS A SYMBOL OF OUR NEED FOR EACH OTHER TO INTEGRATE

OUR DIVERSE VIEWS AND VISIONS AND TO FORGE A NEW SYNTHESIS FROM OUR PARTICULARISTIC IMPULSES AND INTERESTS TO BENEFIT THE COMMON GOOD.

14. THE COMMISSION HAS PROGRESSED FAR UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS. IT HAS UNDERGONE A PERIOD OF REFORM WHICH HAS SEEN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CLEAR PRIORITIES FOR THE WORK PROGRAM AND MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE SECRETARIAT, KEEPING IN MIND BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS. PROGRAMS HAVE BECOME MORE FOCUSED TO THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF THE REGION.
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15. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES, THE MANY CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS WHICH BRING TOGETHER EXPERTS AND ADMINISTRATORS AND IN WHICH THE WHOLE RANGE OF ECONOMIC

AND SOCIAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED ARE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS. THE TECHNICAL STUDIES AND ADVISORY SERVICES OF ESCAP HAVE HELPED THE REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM IRAN TO THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC. ESCAP HAS FOSTERED SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF GREAT MERIT. TO PROMOTE ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, ESCAP HAS ESTABLISHED THE COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION OF JOINT PROSPECTING FOR MINERAL RESOURCES IN ASIAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC OFFSHORE AREAS. ESCAP HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED THE ASIA AND PACIFIC CENTER FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT. I AM PLEASED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO MAKE SOME SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THESE ENDEAVORS.

16. RELATIVE TO THE FIRST, A U.S.-FINANCED REGIONAL REMOTE SENSING CENTER IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN BANGKOK, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ESCAP'S UTILIZATION OF THE CENTER WHEN IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL.

17. RELATIVE TO THE SECOND, AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE U.S. CONTRIBUTED FUNDS FOR THE CENTER AND FOR WOMEN'S PROGRAMS LAST YEAR, AND RECENTLY WE PLEDGED AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000 FOR THESE PROGRAMS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND URGE ESCAP TO CONTINUE FURTHERING THIS CAUSE.

18. IN THE FUTURE WE HOPE TO INCREASE OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF ESCAP, AND WE WILL REVIEW UPON MY RETURN FROM THIS MEETING IN WHAT WAYS WE CAN LEND FURTHER SUPPORT TO SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COMMISSION.

19. I HOPE THAT THE PRESENT SESSION OF ESCAP WILL GIVE US
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FURTHER GUIDANCE ON OUR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WITH

A NUMBER OF ESCAP MEMBERS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TIMELY, SINCE THE UNITED STATES DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE 89 PER CENT MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO, TOTALING 470 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE ESCAP AREA.

20. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE FOOD AID PLANNED FOR DELIVERY TO EIGHT ESCAP LDC'S IN FISCAL YEAR 1979. WE HOPE IN THE FUTURE TO PROVIDE SOME OF THIS FOOD AID IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY NEED NOT PAY IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND, FURTHER, THAT THE PROCEEDS CAN REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

21. TWO NEW INITIATIVES OF OUR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DESERVE SPECIAL MENTION. THE FIRST IS A NEW ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN IN THE SOUTH

PACIFIC CHanneled THROUGH PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH I HAVE ALREADY ALLUDED INVOLVING A COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE A REGIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ASEAN, SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WE HAVE WITH THREE OF THE ASEAN NATIONS. WE HOPE TO BE MEETING SHORTLY WITH ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

22. MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE PRESENT SESSION IS TO DISCUSS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR THE 1980'S. WHILE I DO NOT WISH TO INITIATE FULLSCALE DEBATE ON THIS ITEM HERE, THIS ITEM DOES SUGGEST SOME GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THESE OBSERVATIONS ARE TENTATIVE -- I SEE THEM AS "FOOD FOR THOUGHT," IN ESCAP, AND IN THE CAPITALS OF ALL ITS MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING MY OWN.
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23. IT HAS BECOME MY STRONG PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE SOME SERIOUS THINKING TO DO ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND THE NATURE AND PURPOSES OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" WAS DESIGNATED IN 1974 IN THE TITLE OF TWO CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, AND, IN THIS FORM, CONTINUES TO EVOKE EXPRESSIONS OF RESERVATION FROM MY COUNTRY AND OTHERS. BEYOND THESE DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, THE PHRASE HAS COME TO REPRESENT A FAR MORE IMPORTANT REALITY: THE WORLD IS INDEED NO LONGER WHAT IT WAS AT THE TIME OF BRETTON WOODS, AND SOME OF THE STRUCTURES, AND INDEED THE HABITS OF THINKING DERIVED FROM THAT PERIOD ARE INADEQUATE TO TODAY'S PROBLEMS. HENCE, A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS NOT ONLY NECESSARY BUT INEVITABLE. INDEED, IN SOME WAYS, IT IS EMERGING ALREADY. THE PROBLEM AND THE CHALLENGE

CONFRONTING US, IS TO SEE THAT THIS NEW GLOBAL SYSTEM EMERGES IN A WAY TO PROVIDE THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS. THIS NEW ORDER IS AS NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONS OF THE "NORTH" -- BOTH ITS EASTERN AND WESTERN QUADRANTS, AS IT IS FOR THE NATIONS OF THE SOUTH. IT THEREFORE GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IT CAN ONLY EVOLVE THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES -- THROUGH THEIR PEOPLES, THEIR LEGISLATURES AND THROUGH THE INTELLECTUAL POWER AND EXPERIENCE THEY CAN ALL BRING TO THE COMMON GOAL.

24. FOR US IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN PERCEPTION IS INVOLVED. WE CAN NO LONGER SEE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS PERIPHERAL TO A SO-CALLED ECONOMIC "REAL WORLD" MADE UP EXCLUSIVELY OF TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. OUR APPROACH TO THESE COUNTRIES

CAN NO LONGER BE ONE SOLELY BASED ON "FOREIGN AID". TRADE,
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TANT IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT. NOR CAN IT DERIVE
FROM A VIEW OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MERELY AS SOURCES OF
RAW MATERIALS AND MARKETS FOR OUR MANUFACTURED GOODS.
THIS LAST ATTITUDE IS PARTICULARLY INCONGRUOUS IN THE FACE
OF THE TRADE PATTERNS WHICH PREVAIL BETWEEN MY COUNTRY
AND A GOOD NUMBER OF THOSE REPRESENTED HERE - WHOSE
CAPACITY TO COMPETE IN INDUSTRIAL MARKETS NEEDS NO
TESTIMONY.

25. FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, I SUGGEST, THE FULL
MEANING OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER LIKEWISE MEANS A NEW
APPROACH, WHICH IS ALREADY EMERGING. FROM WHAT I HAVE
HEARD AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE LAST YEAR, DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES DO NOT SEE THE NEW ORDER IN THE CONTEXT OF A
ZERO SUM GAME, OR EVEN OF AN ADVERSARY PROCEDURE STILL
IMPLIED IN THE TERM NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. THE FINAL STEP
IS RECOGNITION THAT A NEW SYSTEM CANNOT EMERGE
EXCLUSIVELY FROM ON HIGH, EVEN THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS,
BUT MUST HAVE ITS ROOTS BELOW, IN THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

26. DEVELOPMENT ENCOMPASSES A PROCESS IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE
THE CREATORS, ORIGINATORS AND PROTAGONISTS OF CHANGE, NOT
MERELY RECIPIENTS, CLIENTS AND OBJECTS OF DEVELOPMENT.
PEOPLE DO NOT NEED PATERNALISTIC REDEMPTION, HOWEVER WELL
INTENTIONED, HOWEVER NOBLE. THE NEW STRUCTURES WE ERECT
MUST REFLECT THE IDEAS AND THE HANDYWORK OF THE MOST
HUMBLE AS WELL AS THE EXPERTS.

27. TRUE DEVELOPMENT BEGINS WHEN HITHERTO UNKNOWN

APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS EMERGE, WHEN NEW ACTIONS COME
INTO PLAY AND WHEN NEW RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND
THEIR ENVIRONMENT APPEAR. AFTER ALL, DEVELOPMENT AND
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SOCIAL CHANGE IS AN EXERCISE IN SELF-RELIANCE, A PROCESS
WHEREIN PEOPLE DEFINE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, PROPOSE THEIR
OWN SOLUTIONS AND RELY ON THEIR OWN CREATIVITY AND ENERGY
TO RESOLVE THEM. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS THAT
IGNORE THE WELL-SPRINGS OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION OF
THE PEOPLE TO WHOM ULTIMATELY THE APPROACHES ARE DIRECTED,
WILL LEAD TO A GLOBAL DOLE AT BEST -- AT WORST IT WILL
BRING FORTH AND REINFORCE REGIMENTATION AND REPRESSION.

28. THIS IS HOW, IT SEEMS TO ME, A NEW STRUCUTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY MUST EMERGE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT CANNOT BE A LEISURELY PROCESS. THE IMBALANCES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY TODAY -- WHICH HAVE PRODUCED DEBT BURDENS, INFLATION, SEVERE TRADE AND PAYMENT IMBALANCES, AND MOST OF ALL, UNEMPLOYMENT AND A DECLINE OF THE HUMAN CONDITION -- DEMAND URGENT ATTENTION.THE STRENGTHENING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ECONOMIES IS, IN MY VIEW, A CRITICAL PART OF A NEW WORLD EQUILIBRIUM, AND WE CANNOT LOSE TIME IN ACHIEVING IT.

29. I DO NOT PRESUME TODAY TO GIVE A DEFINITION OF THE NEW ORDER OR ITS BASIC ELEMENTS. THESE MUST EVOLVE THROUGH CONCENTRATED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BRAIN-STORMING. BUT THERE ARE SOME KEY ELEMENTS WHICH WE CAN CONSIDER.

30. ONE IS TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. I SUGGEST THIS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS A FORM OF AUTOMATIC REVERSE DISCRIMINATION, WHERE EXPERTISE OR EQUIPMENT ARE CHOSEN MORE ON THE BASIS OF COUNTRY OF ORIGIN THAN OF USEFULLNESS. RATHER, SUCH COOPERATION SHOULD BE BASED ON A CONCRETE ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES' DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES AND GOALS, FOLLOWED BY COLLECTIVE DECISIONS ON HOW TO PROMOTE THESE THROUGH COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY ON THE REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL LEVELS. FOR EXAMPLE, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SEEK TO INDUSTRIALIZE, HELP MEET GOALS THEY HAVE SET FOR THEMSELVES IN THE LIMA DECLARATION. BUT WHAT DOES THIS PROCESS IMPLY FOR EACH COUNTRY? WHAT ARE THE PRODUCTS NEW INDUSTRIES ARE TO PRODUCE -- WHO IS TO BUY THEM? THESE QUESTIONS CANNOT BE ANSWERED WITHOUT INTER-NATIONAL COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

31. COOPERATION IS ALSO NECESSARY SO THAT EACH DEVELOPING COUNTRY CAN MAKE THE BEST CHOICES AS TO TECHNOLOGIES TO DEVELOP AND APPLY. THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IS AN EXCELLENT
EXAMPLE OF THIS FORM OF COOPERATION. COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF THE NEW ORDER WE ARE SEEKING -- BUT LIKE THE GLOBAL SYSTEM ITSELF, IT REQUIRES NEW AND ORIGINAL APPROACHES, IDEAS NO ONE HAS YET THOUGHT OF.

32. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF A NEW WORLD ORDER IS THE CONCEPT OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. IT MIGHT BE BEST TO START A DISCUSSION OF THIS THEME BY MAKING CLEAR WHAT THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CONCEPT IS NOT. FIRST, IT IS NOT A

PRESCRIPTION FOR INTERVENTION. GOVERNMENTS OF ALL COUNTRIES -- DEVELOPING OR REBUILDING -- MUST DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES HOW TO USE SCARCE RESOURCES.

33. THESE CHOICES MUST BE MADE SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN TWO EXTREMES. ONE WOULD BE GROWTH THROUGH CONSUMPTION ALONE -- A FORMULA FOR EXTERNAL DEPENDENCY AND EVENTUAL STAGNATION. THE OTHER WOULD BE THE ARTIFICIAL MAINTENANCE OF A DUAL SOCIETY, WHERE THE IMPOVERISHED MASSES ARE KEPT TRANQUILIZED BY SUBSIDIES AND WELFARE PROGRAMS WHICH GUARANTEE SURVIVAL BUT ONLY ON THE MARGIN OF SOCIETY.
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THIS IS A FORMULA FOR UPHEAVAL AND VIOLENCE. WHILE MANY OF THESE MAY BE CONSTRUED AS "MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS," EACH IS ALSO CLEARLY UNSATISFACTORY.

34. THE REAL CRITERIA FOR EQUITABLE GROWTH CAN ONLY BE SET BY THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. BASIC HUMAN NEEDS SHOULD NOT REFLECT THE BIAS OF THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE NEEDS OF OTHERS BUT SHOULD EXPRESS THE FEELINGS AND RATIONALITY OF THOSE WHOSE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS ARE CONCERNED. TO ME IT IS PART AND PARCEL OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE POOR, TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEFINE THEIR OWN SITUATION UNENCUMBERED BY IMPOSED STANDARDS THAT MAY FIT THE LOGIC OF THE EXPERTS BUT NOT THE PECULIARITIES OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. HOW CAN WE BEGIN TO HELP PEOPLE TO BECOME MORE HUMAN BY NEGATING AT THE OUTSET THEIR HUMAN RIGHT TO SELF-PERCEPTION? THERE IS ALSO A COMMON-SENSE INJUNCTION, FOR ONLY PEOPLE'S OWN ASPIRATIONS, THEIR INDIGENOUS VALUES, CAN GIVE CONCRETE MEANING TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND TO SELF-RELIANT APPROACHES TO SATISFY THEM.

35. TO SOME OF US THIS INJUNCTION MAY BE A DISCOVERY, TO MOST OF YOU, AN EXISTENTIAL PRINCIPLE, AS THE SARVODAYA

(PRONOUNCED SARVODIA) MOVEMENT OF SRI LANKA SO EFFECTIVELY SYMBOLIZES IT. THE SANSKRIT TERM SARVODAYA IMPLIES CALLING FOR THE REAWAKENING OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL VALUES TO GIVE MEANING NOT ONLY IN THE SPIRITUAL BUT IN THE MATERIAL WORLD AS WELL. THIS MOVEMENT IN SRI LANKA THAT REVITALIZED AND APPLIED BUDDHIST VALUES TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVES TO ME THAT THE HUMAN RIGHT TO DEFINE ONE'S OWN NEEDS IS NOT ONLY DESIREABLE BUT PRACTICAL.

36. FURTHER, BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGIES ARE NOT SIMPLY DELIVERY SYSTEMS OF GOODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WANTS. THEY
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ALSO AIM AT THE CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITIES AMONG THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNDER-EMPLOYED. PRESIDENT CARTER POINTED OUT "THE CHANCE TO EARN A DECENT LIVING IS ALSO A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT WHICH WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT IGNORE". AGAI;N, IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF RIGHTS BUT AN ARGUMENT OF ECONOMICS: NO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGY CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN THE LONG RUN THAT OVERLOOKS THE PEOPLE'S OWN POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES OR IF IT FAILS TO DRAW ON THEIR OWN MATERIAL AND CREATIVE RESOURCES. SELF-RELIANCE, THE IMPORTANCE OF FULLY USING EACH PERSON'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION-BUILDING PROCESS, HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT LESSONS OF TWO DECADES OF DEVELOPMENT.

37. FINALLY, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGIES DO NOT EXHAUST THEMSELVES IN THE ARTFUL AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLY BUT CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQUATION AS WELL; WITH THE STRENGTHENING OF THE CAPACITY OF THE POOR TO FORMULATE EFFECTIVE DEMAND. WHETHER WE SPEAK OF ECONOMICS OR OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE PREMISES ARE INESCAPABLE AND SIMPLE: PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY, ILL-CLOTHED, ILL-HOUSED, AND ILLITERATE BECAUSE THEY ARE POOR -- AND THEY ARE POOR -- BECAUSE THEY ARE POWERLESS.

38. IN THIS SENSE, THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CONCEPT IS NOT AN ECONOMIST'S TOOL BUT THE EXPRESSION OF THE RIGHT OF THE POOR. FOREMOST, IT IS A RECOGNITION OF REALITY, A BELATED ONE I MAY ADD, A CENTRAL CONCERN OF OUR TIMES. IT IS, THEREFORE, ALSO A CORNERSTONE IN OUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT, THEREFORE, GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IF WE SEEK JUSTICE AND EQUITY, WE CANNOT PROCEED TOWARD THOSE GOALS BY VIOLATING THEM
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THROUGH DISCRIMINATION AMONG THE POOR ON ACCOUNT OF NATIONALITY OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE. THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CONCEPT , THEREFORE, IS THE VERY OPPOSITE OF DISCRIMINATION

BETWEEN "RICH COUNTRIES" AND "POOR" ONES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THE APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I HAVE OUTLINED IS A FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE CANNOT EXIST IN AN ECONOMIC VACUUM. FOR, AS PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SAID: "HUMAN NEEDS ARE INSEPARABLE FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ...WHILE CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES ARE GOOD IN THEMSELVES, THEY ARE MUCH MORE USEFUL AND MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE TO WHOM PHYSICAL

SURVIVAL IS NOT A MATTER OF DAILY ANXIETY.

39. HENCE, AS WE SEE IT, HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL. THE KEY TO ALL OTHERS IS THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON. WITHOUT THIS, OTHER RIGHTS DISSOLVE IN CONSTANT FEAR OF THEIR ARBITRARY AND INSTANT REMOVAL. WE ARE THEREFORE OPPOSED TO THE USE OF TORTURE, TO CRUEL INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, TO ARBITRARY ARREST OR IMPRISONMENT, TO DENIAL OF FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL AND TO INVASION OF THE HOME.

40. THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS WE SEEK TO PROMOTE HAVE BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ASPECTS. FOOD AND SHELTER, JOBS, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION ARE PERCEIVED BY MEN AND WOMEN INDIVIDUALLY, BUT THEY CANNOT BE ASSURED, OR ENJOYED IN ISOLATION FROM SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

41. FINALLY, WE SUPPORT CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES; FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, OF RELIGION, OF ASSEMBLY, SPEECH AND OF THE PRESS; AND FREEDOM TO TAKE PART IN GOVERNMENT. WE SUPPORT THEM NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY ARE VALUES CHERISHED BY THEMSELVES, BUT BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, THE NEW ECONOMIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SOCIAL ORDER WE SEEK WILL BE DEVOID OF HUMAN MEANING. WE CANNOT AFFORD SECONDBEST.

42. MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE IS A RISK IN THESE REMARKS THAT I AM PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED. THIS COMMISSION'S APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IS INDEED ONE OF INTEGRATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL EQUITY -- AND ONE REASON FOR CHOOSING THE THEMES I HAVE CHOSEN WAS PRECISELY TO INDICATE MY GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THE DIRECTION THE COMMISSION HAS CHOSEN.

43. ANOTHER AND MORE IMPORTANT PURPOSE WAS TO CONTINUE A "BRAIN STORMING" PROCESS WITH YOU. I HAVE NO PRESCRIPTIONS TO OFFER, NO BLUEPRINTS. BUT I DO PLEDGE MY BEST EFFORTS AND THOSE OF MY GOVERNMENT IN SEEKING NEW MEANS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF A NEW WORLD SITUATON,

AND IN BUILDING A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL MAY BENEFIT AND WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT. END TEXT.

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRINCIPAL US STATEMENT PREPARED FOR
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WELLS IN HIS NAME. APPROPRIATE COMPLEMENTARY OPENING
SHOULD BE ADDED BY USDEL. FOR USUN: IF ANY FURTHER
CHANGES ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY, COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY TO
BANGKOK, INFO DEPARTMENT. BEGIN TEXT:

1. SOME COSMOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS HAVE LONG AGO
SUGGESTED THAT THE EARTH MAY HAVE SLOWLY INCREASED IN SIZE
AS MILLIONS OF YEARS WENT BY. AS A RESULT, THE FORCE OF
GRAVITY WEAKENED, AND THE ATTRACTION OF THE DIFFERENT

PARTS OF THE EARTH FOR EACH OTHER LESSENED. I WILL NOT QUARREL WITH THE ACCURACY OF THE PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS INVOLVED. MY OWN EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, SINCE I BECAME U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, FORCES ME TO REVEAL THAT -- SUCH RESEARCH NOTWITHSTANDING -- I FIND MYSELF SQUARELY AND HAPPILY AT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ARGUMENT WITH A CONTRARY SET OF DISCOVERIES. MY TRAVELS IN AFRICA,

LATIN AMERICA, AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, MY MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF A HOST OF COUNTRIES, MY TALKS WITH PEOPLE IN REMOTE VILLAGES AND BUSY METROPOLES HAVE GIVEN ME THE INDELIBLE IMPRESSION AND CONVICTION THAT FAR-AWAY PLACES AND PEOPLES ARE NOT DRIFTING APART BUT COMING CLOSER TO ONE ANOTHER. NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND HAVE PEOPLE BEEN SO DETERMINED TO STRENGTHEN THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP, TO SEARCH FOR IDEAS THAT BIND THEM TOGETHER.

2. IN TRADITIONAL DIPLOMACY THERE IS A TENDENCY TO SEE THE ORIGINS OF TIES BETWEEN NATIONS IN TERMS OF FEAR -- FEAR OF CHANGE OR OF THE ABSENCE OF CHANGE. CERTAINLY, THESE FEARS HAVE BEEN AND REMAIN REAL. NO CONTINENT HAS ESCAPED THE FURIES OF WAR AND OF ECONOMIC AND IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT IN THIS CENTURY. INDEED, IT MAY BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THAT NO PART OF THE WORLD HAS BORNE MORE TRAGIC WITNESS THAN ASIA TO THE DEVASTATION OF MODERN MAN'S TECHNOLOGY AND INTOLERANCE OF OTHER SOCIO-ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

3. TODAY, HOWEVER, THE TRADITIONAL DIPLOMACY OF FEAR NO LONGER REPRESENTS THE WHOLE TRUTH OR EVEN THE ESSENTIAL TRUTH OF THE NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. RATHER, I SUGGEST THAT WHAT BRINGS US TOGETHER HERE, AS IN OTHER BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, IS ABOVE ALL OUR HOPES AND POSITIVE ASPIRATIONS.

4. TODAY THE ASIAN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED HERE ARE AT PEACE. THE ROLE OF THE FOUR GREAT PACIFIC POWERS -- THE UNITED STATES, THE USSR, CHINA, AND JAPAN -- HAS BEEN REDUCED AND CHANGED NOT BECAUSE OF THE FEAR OF MUTUAL VULNERABILITY BUT BECAUSE OF RECOGNITION OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THEIR VITAL INTERESTS WITH THOSE OF ALL NATIONS IN THIS REGION. TODAY IT IS THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC GOVERNMENTS WHICH ARE TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN ADVANCING THE PEACE AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR PEOPLES. IT IS THEIR DYNAMISM, THEIR DETERMINATION, THEIR CREATIVE ENERGIES AND RESOURCES THAT SHAPE THE WORLD OF THEIR TOMORROW.

5. WE HAVE BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS CHANGE BECAUSE

WE HAVE NOT CEASED TO BE -- BY OUR GEOGRAPHY, OUR HISTORY,
OUR SECURITY, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERESTS -- A
MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC FAMILY OF NATIONS. CONTINENTS DO
NOT DRIFT SO FAR APART IN A GENERATION OR TWO FOR THIS
FACT TO CHANGE. GEOGRAPHY DOES NOT CHANGE BUT THE
PERCEPTION OF OUR OWN ROLE HAS CHANGED WITH THE DIFFERENT
VALUES WE ASSIGN TO THE MODES AND MANIFESTATION OF OUR

PRESENCE. TODAY, THE UNITED STATES IS PROUD OF THE
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IT IS PLAYING IN THE THROBBING ECONOMY
AND PEACEFUL LIFE OF THIS REGION. OUR ECONOMIC LINKS TO
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THE REGION ARE STRONG. WE CONDUCT ROUGHLY ONE-QUARTER OF
OUR FOREIGN TRADE WITH EAST ASIA; EVERY YEAR A FIFTH OF
OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS GO THERE, AND IN TURN WE RECEIVE
ESSENTIAL RAW MATERIALS AND INCREASINGLY MANUFACTURED
GOODS.

6. WE HAVE OLD AND CLOSE FRIENDS WHO COUNT MORE UPON OUR
CONTINUED LOYALTY AND IN WHOSE SECURITY AND WELL-BEING
WE HAVE AN IMPORTANT STAKE. WE HAVE FORMER ADVERSARIES
WITH WHOM WE HAVE EMBARKED ON NEW ADVENTURES OF PEACE
AND COOPERATION. MOST OF ALL, WE HAVE WITH THIS REGION
A STRONG DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER STATES IN THE
SEARCH FOR MEANS OF TURNING COMMON HOPES INTO REALITY.

7. THERE IS NO NEED HERE FOR A LENGTHY CATALOGUE OF
MY COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC TIES WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES OR
GROUPS OF THE REGION. RELATIVE TO JAPAN, IT IS CLEAR
THAT A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO GIANT ECONO-
MIES IS INDISPENSABLE TO GLOBAL RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING.
THE NEGOTIATIONS RECENTLY COMPLETED IN TOKYO WERE AN
IMPORTANT STEP IN PRESERVING THAT RELATIONSHIP.

8. LOOKING TO THE SOUTH, WE ARE GIVING A NEW DIMENSION
TO OUR RELATIONS WITH AN IMPORTANT GROUP OF COUNTRIES
BY OPENING A DIALOGUE WITH THEIR REGIONAL ORGANIZATION,
ASEAN -- THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS. WE
ARE INTERESTED IN ASSISTING THEIR PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE VITAL AREAS
OF FOOD SUPPLY, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND POPULATION
PLANNING. WE ARE PLEASED THAT ESCAP AS A WHOLE IS
FOCUSING ITS ATTENTION ON THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUB-REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS THOSE BEING MET BY ASEAN.

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9. WE ARE ALSO HEARTENED BY THE PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE BEING MADE BY THE ISLAND STATES OF THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC. WE SUPPORT THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR PEOPLE. ON THIS MATTER, AS ON SO MANY OTHERS OVER THE YEARS, WE ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

10. IN SOUTH ASIA, AS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, WE ARE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN ASSISTING PROGRAMS FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT VISIT TO INDIA REAFFIRMED NOT ONLY THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES BUT ALSO SYMBOLIZED OUR COMMON

COMMITMENT TO MOVE ALONG -- IN PRESIDENT CARTER'S WORDS -- "THE PATH OF DEMOCRACY TOWARD A COMMON GOAL OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT." INDIA, JIMMY CARTER REMINDED US, IS THE PROOF THAT DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRACY ARE NOT ANTITHETICAL. INDIA HAS DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR INDUSTRIAL POWER. AT THE SAME TIME LIFE EXPECTANCY OF HER PEOPLE HAS INCREASED BY TWENTY YEARS SINCE INDEPENDENCE. THE THREAT OF MAJOR EPIDEMICS HAS RECEDED, AND THE LITERACY RATE HAS DOUBLED.

11. PAKISTAN, WHICH HAS HAD MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF NATURAL PROBLEMS AND POLITICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO MAKE, APPEARS WELL ON ITS WAY TO OVERCOMING BOTH SETS OF PROBLEMS AND IS EMBARKED ON AN ACCELERATING TREND OF BOTH GREATER POLITICAL FREEDOM AND ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CONTINENT, BANGLADESH IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THE QUALITY OF ITS ADMINISTRATION AND THE HEALTH OF ITS ECONOMY. MY GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS LONG-STANDING COLLABORATION WITH BOTH COUNTRIES BOTH BILATERALLY AND IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

12. THESE VITAL SIGNS I HAVE JUST LISTED FROM THIS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE REGION ARE MAGNETS OF OUR RENEWED COMMITMENT. I DO NOT OFFER THIS AS GRATUITOUS COMMENT
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OR AS A WAY TO IGNORE THE VERY SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FACING ALL THE NATIONS OF THE REGION -- THE PROBLEMS OF TRADE BARRIERS AND PRICE FLUCTUATIONS, LACK OF INVESTMENT CAPITAL AND, MOST OF ALL, THE TASK OF ENSURING ADEQUATE FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, AND EMPLOYMENT TO ALL PEOPLE. STILL, THESE VITAL SIGNS REVEAL THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THE ASIA OF TODAY -- THE RESURGENCE OF HUMAN VALUES AND CREATIVITY WHICH CHARACTERIZED ASIA AT ITS HIGHEST MOMENTS, AT THE PINNACLE OF WORLD CIVILIZATION. THESE QUALITIES ARE PARTICULARLY EXEMPLIFIED IN THE REMARKABLE BREADTH OF EXPERIMENTS IN DEVELOPMENT THAT OCCUR IN SO MANY PARTS OF THE REGION. IT IS HERE, IN ASIA, THAT WE FIND SOME OF THE PREMIER EXAMPLES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

WHICH ARE DEMONSTRATING THAT THE BENEFITS OF GROWTH CAN BE WIDELY SHARED WITHOUT SACRIFICE TO RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THE IMPORTANCE OF ESCAP DERIVES FROM THE VITALITY OF ITS MEMBERSHIP.

13. ESCAP SERVES TO BRING THEIR DIVERSE EXPERIENCES TOGETHER. IT PROVIDES A MEANS THROUGH WHICH WE CAN LEARN A GREAT DEAL FROM EACH OTHER. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE VITALITY OF ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ESCAP THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER HAS COME TO PLACE GREAT WEIGHT ON REGIONAL COOPERATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ESCAP IS A SYMBOL OF OUR NEED FOR EACH OTHER TO INTEGRATE

OUR DIVERSE VIEWS AND VISIONS AND TO FORGE A NEW SYNTHESIS FROM OUR PARTICULARISTIC IMPULSES AND INTERESTS TO BENEFIT THE COMMON GOOD.

14. THE COMMISSION HAS PROGRESSED FAR UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS. IT HAS UNDERGONE A PERIOD OF REFORM WHICH HAS SEEN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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CLEAR PRIORITIES FOR THE WORK PROGRAM AND MORE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE SECRETARIAT, KEEPING IN MIND BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS. PROGRAMS HAVE BECOME MORE FOCUSED TO THE NEEDS AND PRIORITIES OF THE REGION.

15. THE ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES, THE MANY CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS WHICH BRING TOGETHER EXPERTS AND ADMINISTRATORS AND IN WHICH THE WHOLE RANGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED ARE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS. THE TECHNICAL STUDIES AND ADVISORY SERVICES OF ESCAP HAVE HELPED THE REGIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FROM IRAN TO THE ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC. ESCAP HAS FOSTERED SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS OF GREAT MERIT. TO PROMOTE ENERGY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, ESCAP HAS ESTABLISHED THE COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION OF JOINT PROSPECTING FOR MINERAL RESOURCES IN ASIAN AND SOUTH PACIFIC OFFSHORE AREAS. ESCAP HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED THE ASIA AND PACIFIC CENTER FOR WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT. I AM PLEASED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO MAKE SOME SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THESE ENDEAVORS.

16. RELATIVE TO THE FIRST, A U.S.-FINANCED REGIONAL REMOTE SENSING CENTER IS BEING ESTABLISHED IN BANGKOK, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ESCAP'S UTILIZATION OF THE CENTER WHEN IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL.

17. RELATIVE TO THE SECOND, AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE U.S. CONTRIBUTED FUNDS FOR THE CENTER AND FOR WOMEN'S PROGRAMS LAST YEAR, AND RECENTLY WE PLEDGED AN ADDITIONAL \$500,000

FOR THESE PROGRAMS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED PROGRESS
IN THE INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND
URGE ESCAP TO CONTINUE FURTHERING THIS CAUSE.

18. IN THE FUTURE WE HOPE TO INCREASE OUR PARTICIPATION
IN THE ACTIVITIES OF ESCAP, AND WE WILL REVIEW UPON MY
RETURN FROM THIS MEETING IN WHAT WAYS WE CAN LEND FURTHER
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SUPPORT TO SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT UNDER THE
AUSPICES OF THE COMMISSION.

19. I HOPE THAT THE PRESENT SESSION OF ESCAP WILL GIVE US
FURTHER GUIDANCE ON OUR BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WITH

A NUMBER OF ESCAP MEMBERS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TIMELY,
SINCE THE UNITED STATES DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROPOSALS
FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE 89 PER CENT MORE THAN TWO YEARS
AGO, TOTALING 470 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE ESCAP AREA.

20. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE FOOD AID PLANNED FOR
DELIVERY TO EIGHT ESCAP LDC'S IN FISCAL YEAR 1979. WE
HOPE IN THE FUTURE TO PROVIDE SOME OF THIS FOOD AID IN
SUCH A WAY THAT THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY NEED NOT PAY IN
FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND, FURTHER, THAT THE PROCEEDS CAN
REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

21. TWO NEW INITIATIVES OF OUR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS DESERVE SPECIAL MENTION. THE FIRST IS A NEW
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN IN THE SOUTH
PACIFIC CHanneled THROUGH PRIVATE VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS
TO WHICH I HAVE ALREADY ALLUDED INVOLVING A COMMITMENT
TO UNDERTAKE A REGIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ASEAN,
SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WE
HAVE WITH THREE OF THE ASEAN NATIONS. WE HOPE TO BE
MEETING SHORTLY WITH ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS
SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

22. MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE OF THE TASKS OF THE PRESENT
SESSION IS TO DISCUSS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES FOR
THE 1980'S. WHILE I DO NOT WISH TO INITIATE FULLSCALE
DEBATE ON THIS ITEM HERE, THIS ITEM DOES SUGGEST SOME
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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS ON THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THESE OBSERVATIONS ARE TENTATIVE --
I SEE THEM AS "FOOD FOR THOUGHT," IN ESCAP, AND IN THE
CAPITALS OF ALL ITS MEMBER STATES, INCLUDING MY OWN.

23. IT HAS BECOME MY STRONG PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE SOME SERIOUS THINKING TO DO ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND THE NATURE AND PURPOSES OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE "NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER" WAS DESIGNATED IN 1974 IN THE TITLE OF TWO CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, AND, IN THIS FORM, CONTINUES TO EVOKE EXPRESSIONS OF RESERVATION FROM MY COUNTRY AND OTHERS. BEYOND THESE DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, THE PHRASE HAS COME TO REPRESENT A FAR MORE IMPORTANT REALITY: THE WORLD IS INDEED NO LONGER WHAT IT WAS AT THE TIME OF BRETTON WOODS, AND SOME OF THE STRUCTURES, AND INDEED THE HABITS OF THINKING DERIVED FROM THAT PERIOD ARE INADEQUATE TO TODAY'S PROBLEMS. HENCE, A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS NOT ONLY NECESSARY BUT INEVITABLE. INDEED, IN SOME WAYS, IT IS EMERGING ALREADY. THE PROBLEM AND THE CHALLENGE

CONFRONTING US, IS TO SEE THAT THIS NEW GLOBAL SYSTEM EMERGES IN A WAY TO PROVIDE THE GREATEST GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS. THIS NEW ORDER IS AS NECESSARY FOR THE NATIONS OF THE "NORTH" -- BOTH ITS EASTERN AND WESTERN QUADRANTS, AS IT IS FOR THE NATIONS OF THE SOUTH. IT THEREFORE GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IT CAN ONLY EVOLVE THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES -- THROUGH THEIR PEOPLES, THEIR LEGISLATURES AND THROUGH THE INTELLECTUAL POWER AND EXPERIENCE THEY CAN ALL BRING TO THE COMMON GOAL.

24. FOR US IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN PERCEPTION IS INVOLVED. WE CAN NO LONGER SEE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS PERIPHERAL TO A SO-CALLED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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ECONOMIC "REAL WORLD" MADE UP EXCLUSIVELY OF TRADITIONAL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. OUR APPROACH TO THESE COUNTRIES CAN NO LONGER BE ONE SOLELY BASED ON "FOREIGN AID". TRADE, TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT ARE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT. NOR CAN IT DERIVE FROM A VIEW OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MERELY AS SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS AND MARKETS FOR OUR MANUFACTURED GOODS. THIS LAST ATTITUDE IS PARTICULARLY INCONGRUOUS IN THE FACE OF THE TRADE PATTERNS WHICH PREVAIL BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND A GOOD NUMBER OF THOSE REPRESENTED HERE - WHOSE CAPACITY TO COMPETE IN INDUSTRIAL MARKETS NEEDS NO TESTIMONY.

25. FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, I SUGGEST, THE FULL MEANING OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER LIKEWISE MEANS A NEW APPROACH, WHICH IS ALREADY EMERGING. FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE LAST YEAR, DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES DO NOT SEE THE NEW ORDER IN THE CONTEXT OF A ZERO SUM GAME, OR EVEN OF AN ADVERSARY PROCEDURE STILL IMPLIED IN THE TERM NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. THE FINAL STEP IS RECOGNITION THAT A NEW SYSTEM CANNOT EMERGE EXCLUSIVELY FROM ON HIGH, EVEN THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT MUST HAVE ITS ROOTS BELOW, IN THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

26. DEVELOPMENT ENCOMPASSES A PROCESS IN WHICH PEOPLE ARE THE CREATORS, ORIGINATORS AND PROTAGONISTS OF CHANGE, NOT MERELY RECIPIENTS, CLIENTS AND OBJECTS OF DEVELOPMENT. PEOPLE DO NOT NEED PATERNALISTIC REDEMPTION, HOWEVER WELL INTENTIONED, HOWEVER NOBLE. THE NEW STRUCTURES WE ERECT MUST REFLECT THE IDEAS AND THE HANDYWORK OF THE MOST HUMBLE AS WELL AS THE EXPERTS.

27. TRUE DEVELOPMENT BEGINS WHEN HITHERTO UNKNOWN
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APPROACHES AND SOLUTIONS EMERGE, WHEN NEW ACTIONS COME INTO PLAY AND WHEN NEW RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT APPEAR. AFTER ALL, DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CHANGE IS AN EXERCISE IN SELF-RELIANCE, A PROCESS WHEREIN PEOPLE DEFINE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, PROPOSE THEIR OWN SOLUTIONS AND RELY ON THEIR OWN CREATIVITY AND ENERGY TO RESOLVE THEM. GLOBAL MANAGEMENT PRESCRIPTIONS THAT IGNORE THE WELL-SPRINGS OF CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION OF THE PEOPLE TO WHOM ULTIMATELY THE APPROACHES ARE DIRECTED, WILL LEAD TO A GLOBAL DOLE AT BEST -- AT WORST IT WILL BRING FORTH AND REINFORCE REGIMENTATION AND REPRESSION.

28. THIS IS HOW, IT SEEMS TO ME, A NEW STRUCUTURE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY MUST EMERGE. UNFORTUNATELY, IT CANNOT BE A LEISURELY PROCESS. THE IMBALANCES IN THE WORLD ECONOMY TODAY -- WHICH HAVE PRODUCED DEBT BURDENS, INFLATION, SEVERE TRADE AND PAYMENT IMBALANCES, AND MOST OF ALL, UNEMPLOYMENT AND A DECLINE OF THE HUMAN CONDITION -- DEMAND URGENT ATTENTION.THE STRENGTHENING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ECONOMIES IS, IN MY VIEW, A CRITICAL PART OF A NEW WORLD EQUILIBRIUM, AND WE CANNOT LOSE TIME IN ACHIEVING IT.

29. I DO NOT PRESUME TODAY TO GIVE A DEFINITION OF THE NEW ORDER OR ITS BASIC ELEMENTS. THESE MUST EVOLVE THROUGH CONCENTRATED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BRAIN-STORMING. BUT THERE ARE SOME KEY ELEMENTS WHICH WE CAN CONSIDER.

30. ONE IS TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. I SUGGEST THIS SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS A FORM OF AUTOMATIC REVERSE DISCRIMINATION, WHERE EXPERTISE OR EQUIPMENT ARE CHOSEN MORE ON THE BASIS OF

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN THAN OF USEFULNESS. RATHER, SUCH
COOPERATION SHOULD BE BASED ON A CONCRETE ASSESSMENT OF
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INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES' DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES AND GOALS,
FOLLOWED BY COLLECTIVE DECISIONS ON HOW TO PROMOTE THESE
THROUGH COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY ON THE REGIONAL AND
SUB-REGIONAL LEVELS. FOR EXAMPLE, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
SEEK TO INDUSTRIALIZE, HELP MEET GOALS THEY HAVE SET
FOR THEMSELVES IN THE LIMA DECLARATION. BUT WHAT DOES
THIS PROCESS IMPLY FOR EACH COUNTRY? WHAT ARE THE
PRODUCTS NEW INDUSTRIES ARE TO PRODUCE -- WHO IS TO BUY
THEM? THESE QUESTIONS CANNOT BE ANSWERED WITHOUT INTER-
NATIONAL COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY AMONG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES.

31. COOPERATION IS ALSO NECESSARY SO THAT EACH DEVELOPING
COUNTRY CAN MAKE THE BEST CHOICES AS TO TECHNOLOGIES TO
DEVELOP AND APPLY. THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR THE TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY IS AN EXCELLENT
EXAMPLE OF THIS FORM OF COOPERATION. COLLECTIVE SELF-
RELIANCE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS AN INDISPENSABLE
PART OF THE NEW ORDER WE ARE SEEKING -- BUT LIKE THE
GLOBAL SYSTEM ITSELF, IT REQUIRES NEW AND ORIGINAL
APPROACHES, IDEAS NO ONE HAS YET THOUGHT OF.

32. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT OF A NEW WORLD ORDER IS THE
CONCEPT OF BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. IT MIGHT BE BEST TO START
A DISCUSSION OF THIS THEME BY MAKING CLEAR WHAT THE
BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CONCEPT IS NOT. FIRST, IT IS NOT A
PRESCRIPTION FOR INTERVENTION. GOVERNMENTS OF ALL
COUNTRIES -- DEVELOPING OR REBUILDING -- MUST DECIDE FOR
THEMSELVES HOW TO USE SCARCE RESOURCES.

33. THESE CHOICES MUST BE MADE SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN TWO
EXTREMES. ONE WOULD BE GROWTH THROUGH CONSUMPTION
ALONE -- A FORMULA FOR EXTERNAL DEPENDENCY AND EVENTUAL
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STAGNATION. THE OTHER WOULD BE THE ARTIFICIAL MAINTENANCE
OF A DUAL SOCIETY, WHERE THE IMPOVERISHED MASSES ARE
KEPT TRANQUILIZED BY SUBSIDIES AND WELFARE PROGRAMS WHICH
GUARANTEE SURVIVAL BUT ONLY ON THE MARGIN OF SOCIETY.
THIS IS A FORMULA FOR UPHEAVAL AND VIOLENCE. WHILE MANY
OF THESE MAY BE CONSTRUED AS "MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS,"
EACH IS ALSO CLEARLY UNSATISFACTORY.

34. THE REAL CRITERIA FOR EQUITABLE GROWTH CAN ONLY BE

SET BY THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. BASIC HUMAN NEEDS SHOULD NOT REFLECT THE BIAS OF THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH THE NEEDS OF OTHERS BUT SHOULD EXPRESS THE FEELINGS AND RATIONALITY OF THOSE WHOSE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS ARE CONCERNED. TO ME IT IS PART AND PARCEL OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE POOR, TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEFINE THEIR OWN SITUATION UNENCUMBERED BY IMPOSED STANDARDS THAT MAY FIT THE LOGIC OF THE EXPERTS BUT NOT THE PECULIARITIES OF THE HUMAN CONDITION. HOW CAN WE BEGIN TO HELP PEOPLE TO BECOME MORE HUMAN BY NEGATING AT THE OUTSET THEIR HUMAN RIGHT TO SELF-PERCEPTION? THERE IS ALSO A COMMON-SENSE INJUNCTION, FOR ONLY PEOPLE'S OWN ASPIRATIONS, THEIR INDIGENOUS VALUES, CAN GIVE CONCRETE MEANING TO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS AND TO SELF-RELIANT APPROACHES TO SATISFY THEM.

35. TO SOME OF US THIS INJUNCTION MAY BE A DISCOVERY, TO MOST OF YOU, AN EXISTENTIAL PRINCIPLE, AS THE SARVODAYA

(PRONOUNCED SARVODIA) MOVEMENT OF SRI LANKA SO EFFECTIVELY SYMBOLIZES IT. THE SANSKRIT TERM SARVODAYA IMPLIES CALLING FOR THE REAWAKENING OF INDIGENOUS CULTURAL VALUES TO GIVE MEANING NOT ONLY IN THE SPIRITUAL BUT IN THE MATERIAL WORLD AS WELL. THIS MOVEMENT IN SRI LANKA THAT REVITALIZED AND APPLIED BUDDHIST VALUES TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVES TO ME THAT THE HUMAN RIGHT TO DEFINE ONE'S OWN NEEDS IS NOT ONLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DESIREABLE BUT PRACTICAL.

36. FURTHER, BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGIES ARE NOT SIMPLY DELIVERY SYSTEMS OF GOODS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WANTS. THEY ALSO AIM AT THE CREATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITIES AMONG THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE UNDER-EMPLOYED. PRESIDENT CARTER POINTED OUT "THE CHANCE TO EARN A DECENT LIVING IS ALSO A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT WHICH WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT IGNORE". AGAIN, IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF RIGHTS BUT AN ARGUMENT OF ECONOMICS: NO BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGY CAN BE EFFECTIVE IN THE LONG RUN THAT OVERLOOKS THE PEOPLE'S OWN POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES OR IF IT FAILS TO DRAW ON THEIR OWN MATERIAL AND CREATIVE RESOURCES. SELF-RELIANCE, THE IMPORTANCE OF FULLY USING EACH PERSON'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION-BUILDING PROCESS, HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT LESSONS OF TWO DECADES OF DEVELOPMENT.

37. FINALLY, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT BASIC HUMAN NEEDS STRATEGIES DO NOT EXHAUST THEMSELVES IN THE ARTFUL AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF SUPPLY BUT CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EQUATION AS WELL; WITH THE

STRENGTHENING OF THE CAPACITY OF THE POOR TO FORMULATE EFFECTIVE DEMAND. WHETHER WE SPEAK OF ECONOMICS OR OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE PREMISES ARE INESCAPABLE AND SIMPLE: PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY, ILL-CLOTHED, ILL-HOUSED, AND ILLITERATE BECAUSE THEY ARE POOR -- AND THEY ARE POOR -- BECAUSE THEY ARE POWERLESS.

38. IN THIS SENSE, THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CONCEPT IS NOT AN ECONOMIST'S TOOL BUT THE EXPRESSION OF THE RIGHT OF THE POOR. FOREMOST, IT IS A RECOGNITION OF REALITY, A BELATED ONE I MAY ADD, A CENTRAL CONCERN OF OUR TIMES. IT IS,
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THEREFORE, ALSO A CORNERSTONE IN OUR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IT, THEREFORE, GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IF WE SEEK JUSTICE AND EQUITY, WE CANNOT PROCEED TOWARD THOSE GOALS BY VIOLATING THEM THROUGH DISCRIMINATION AMONG THE POOR ON ACCOUNT OF NATIONALITY OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE. THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS CONCEPT, THEREFORE, IS THE VERY OPPOSITE OF DISCRIMINATION

BETWEEN "RICH COUNTRIES" AND "POOR" ONES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. THE APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT I HAVE OUTLINED IS A FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE CANNOT EXIST IN AN ECONOMIC VACUUM. FOR, AS PRESIDENT CARTER HAS SAID: "HUMAN NEEDS ARE INSEPARABLE FROM HUMAN RIGHTS ...WHILE CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES ARE GOOD IN THEMSELVES, THEY ARE MUCH MORE USEFUL AND MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE TO WHOM PHYSICAL SURVIVAL IS NOT A MATTER OF DAILY ANXIETY.

39. HENCE, AS WE SEE IT, HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL. THE KEY TO ALL OTHERS IS THE INTEGRITY OF THE PERSON. WITHOUT THIS, OTHER RIGHTS DISSOLVE IN CONSTANT FEAR OF THEIR ARBITRARY AND INSTANT REMOVAL. WE ARE THEREFORE OPPOSED TO THE USE OF TORTURE, TO CRUEL INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT, TO ARBITRARY ARREST OR IMPRISONMENT, TO DENIAL OF FAIR PUBLIC TRIAL AND TO INVASION OF THE HOME.

40. THE ECONOMIC RIGHTS WE SEEK TO PROMOTE HAVE BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ASPECTS. FOOD AND SHELTER, JOBS, HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION ARE PERCEIVED BY MEN AND WOMEN INDIVIDUALLY, BUT THEY CANNOT BE ASSURED, OR ENJOYED IN ISOLATION FROM SOCIETY AS A WHOLE.

41. FINALLY, WE SUPPORT CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES;
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FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, OF RELIGION, OF ASSEMBLY, SPEECH AND
OF THE PRESS; AND FREEDOM TO TAKE PART IN GOVERNMENT.
WE SUPPORT THEM NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEY ARE VALUES CHERISHED
BY THEMSELVES, BUT BECAUSE WITHOUT THEM, THE NEW ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL ORDER WE SEEK WILL BE DEVOID OF HUMAN MEANING.
WE CANNOT AFFORD SECONDBEST.

42. MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE IS A RISK IN THESE REMARKS THAT
I AM PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED. THIS COMMISSION'S
APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT PLANNING IS INDEED ONE OF
INTEGRATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND SOCIAL EQUITY -- AND
ONE REASON FOR CHOOSING THE THEMES I HAVE CHOSEN WAS
PRECISELY TO INDICATE MY GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT FOR THE
DIRECTION THE COMMISSION HAS CHOSEN.

43. ANOTHER AND MORE IMPORTANT PURPOSE WAS TO CONTINUE
A "BRAIN STORMING" PROCESS WITH YOU. I HAVE NO
PRESCRIPTIONS TO OFFER, NO BLUEPRINTS. BUT I DO PLEDGE
MY BEST EFFORTS AND THOSE OF MY GOVERNMENT IN SEEKING NEW
MEANS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF A NEW WORLD SITUATION,

AND IN BUILDING A NEW WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM IN WHICH ALL
MAY BENEFIT AND WHICH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL STRONGLY
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